

Sri K. H. SRINIVASA.—I move that this matter be referred to the Privileges Committee.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಬಿ. ಜ್ವಾಲನಯ್ಯ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಪ್ರಿವಿಲೇಜು ಕಮಿಟಿಗೆ ರೆಫರು ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇಂದು ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ಅಸಾಧಾರಣವಾದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯವೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡರು ಅವರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಈಗ ಪ್ರಿವಿಲೇಜು ಕಮಿಟಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸುವ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ನನಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಬೇಕು. ಆಲ್ಲದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆಯವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ವಿತ್‌ಡ್ರಾ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾನು ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall put the motion to the House.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Sir, there is a suggestion from the Hon. Member Sri H. B. Jwalaniah,

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಇಷ್ಟು ಅವಸರವಾಗಿ ಏಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಇದನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ವಿತ್‌ಡ್ರಾ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ತಾವು ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡಿ.

Sri B. BHASKAR SHETTY.—I request the Chair to take up this tomorrow.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Please read rule 181.

I shall give five minutes. In the meanwhile, we shall take up the next item.

Sri K. H. SRINIVASA.—I am on a point of order. I have moved the motion that this be referred to the Privileges Committee. Under the Rules of Procedure my motion should be given precedence.

Sri M. RAMAPPA.—The Chair is pleased to give some time. I request all those members who are trying to persuade the Hon. Member to go outside to persuade him.

Calling Attention to matters of Urgent Public Importance

(i) re : Cholera Epidemic in Hubli-Dharwar Area

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the Attention of the Minister for Health to the Cholera epidemic in Hubli Dharwar Area.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs).—Sir in reply to this calling attention notice. there were 11 attacks and 6 deaths due to cholera and 192 attacks and 10 deaths due to Gastroenteritis in Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation from 14-7-1969 to 18-8-1969 as per reports received from the Medical Officer of Health, Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation.

The last case of cholera was reported on 11-8-1969 and the last death due to cholera was reported on 5-8-1969.

(SRI K. PUTTASWAMY)

As regards preventive measures undertaken there, 84,477 anti-cholera inoculations were performed and 1,735 houses were disinfected and the cases were treated in Karnatak Medical College Hospital and other dispensaries.

As regards the rural areas of Dharwar district, 6 villages in 5 taluks of Dharwar district were infected by cholera. There were 19 attacks and 10 deaths due to cholera. The last attack and last death reported occurred on 12-8-1969. 9,779 anti-cholera inoculations have been carried out.

All the necessary preventive measures have been undertaken and are being continued. All the Medical Officers of Health and the Para Medical personnel have been instructed to keep a vigilant watch on the occurrence of the cases and to take immediate preventive measures.

(ii) *re*: **Sriae by Workers of the Gokak Mills Limited**

SRI L. S. NAIK (Gokak).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Law, Labour and Parliamentary Affairs to the strike by the workers of the Gokak Mills Limited from 16-1-1969.

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—The Hon'ble Member wishes to call my attention to the strike by the labourers of Gokak Mills Limited. Gokak Falls, Belgaum District from 16-8-1969.

For the year 1968, the management declared a bonus of 4 per cent and had also made arrangements to disburse the same. In addition to this normal bonus (which was at the minimum rate required by law) the management also declared an *Ex-Gratia* Bonus equivalent to 1/12th of the basic wages to all workers in connection with the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Mills. It is pertinent to note that the normal bonus is based on calculations prescribed by the Payment of Bonus Act itself, subject however, to a minimum of 4 per cent and a maximum of 20 per cent. It may be stated also that the management had supplied copies of the Balance Sheet for the year 1968 and made available details of calculation of bonus for that year to all the registered Trade Unions connected with the Mill.

The workers, however, alleged that the Company's profits for the year 1968 were Rs. 89 lakhs, and dissatisfied with the quantum of bonus declared, they resorted to a lightning stay-in-strike from 4-30 P.M. on 16-8-1969. The Gokak Girani Rastria Mazdoor Sangh and the Girani Rashtria Kamgar Sangh had approached the Conciliation Officer in this behalf demanding 20 per cent bonus for the year 1968.

There are 5 registered Trade Unions connected with the Mills. Sri A. H. Desai who is reported to have sponsored the strike is the President of the now defunct Textile Labour Union. In Addition to